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Title : Need to provide Central assistance for the development of Kalahandi-Bolangir-Koraput districts of Orissa.

SHRI B. MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Sir, I raise a very important issue relating not only to Orissa but also to the whole country.

`Kalahandi-Bolangir-Korput (KBK) districts' are the most under-developed districts of the country which needs special assistance and support from the Government. Accordingly, a Long-term Action Plan was mooted in the earlier Nineties and funds were allotted, but not much progress occurred. Later a Revised Long-Term Action Plan (RLTAP) was implemented in the KVK districts for this Plan period. During the initial three years of launching of the programme between 1995-96 and 1997-98, the Central allocation was only Rs. 20.49 crore against the requirement of Rs. 389.21 crore. This resulted in tardy progress in the implementation of the projects.

So, I urge upon the Government that the programme should be expended by another Plan period to achieve the major objectives of RLTAP as well as improve the quality of life in KVK districts. … (*Interruptions*)

श्री बिक्रम केशरी देव (कालाहांडी) : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, जो विाय माननीय सदस्य, श्री भर्तृहरि महताब ने सदन में उठाया है, वह बहुत महत्वपूर्ण है और मेरी कांस्टीट्यूएंसी से भी संबंधित है। इसलिए मैं अपने को उनसे एसोसिएट करता हूं।

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Yes.